version of these changes is attached to this Amendment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 as shown below.

METHOD OF MAKING A SANDWICH-TYPE COMPOSITE PANEL HAVING A HINGE, AND PANEL OBTAINED BY PERFORMING SUCH METHOD

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 31 as shown below.

The first and second skins 101, 103 may advantageously be made up of woven glass fiber fabric and of a thermoplastics material.

In The Claims

Please replace claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 11-13 and 15 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A method of making a composite panel (100) of sandwich structure and provided with a hinge (106), said panel comprising a stack made up of at least one first skin (101) made of a reinforced thermoplastics material, of a cellular core (102) made up of a thermoplastic material, and of a second skin (103) made up of a reinforced thermoplastics material, in which method said panel (100) is formed by pressing said stack at a high pressure lying in the range 10×10^5 Pa to 30×10^5 Pa, the first and second skins (101, 103) being preheated to a softening temperature, said method being characterized in that, after said panel has been formed, forming a hinge (106) between two portions (107, 108) of said panel (100) at a predetermined place in said panel by cutting only a narrow incision (104) through one (101) of the first and second skins (101, 103), and substantially through the entire thickness of the cellular core (102), while leaving the other skin (103) intact.

2. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the incision (104) in said panel (100) is made about in the range 10 seconds to 30 seconds after said panel has been formed.

5. (TWICE AMENDED) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the incision (104) is made in the formed panel while said panel is still in [the] a forming mold.

6. (TWICE AMENDED) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the incision (104) is made in the formed panel outside [the] a forming mold.

11. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that, while said panel (100) is being formed, the first and second skins (101, 103) have a forming temperature lying [approximately] about in the range 160°C to 200°C.

12. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A method according to claim 1, said method being characterized in that the first and second skins (101, 103) are made up of glass fiber fabric and of [a] the thermoplastics material.

13. (AMENDED) A method according to claim 12, characterized in that the thermoplastics material is a [polyolefin and preferably] polypropylene.

15. (FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A panel (100) of sandwich-type composite structure and comprising a stack made up of at least a first skin (101) made of a reinforced thermoplastic material, of a cellular core (102) made of a thermoplastics material, and of a second skin (103) made of a reinforced thermoplastics material, the panel being provided with at least one hinge, in which said panel (100) is [formed] made by implementing a method of forming said panel (100) by pressing said stack at a high pressure lying in the range 10×10^5 Pa to 30×10^5 Pa, the first and second skins (101, 103) being preheated to a softening temperature, said method being characterized in that, after said panel has been formed, forming a hinge (106) between two portions (107, 108) of [a] said panel (100) at a predetermined place in said panel by cutting only a narrow incision (104) through one (101) of the first and second skins (101, 103), and substantially through the entire thickness of the cellular core (102), while leaving the other skin (103) intact.

Please add claims 16 and 17 as shown below.

16. (NEW) The method according to claim 1, wherein the narrow incision is a 0.5 mm incision.

17. (NEW) The panel according to claim 15, wherein the narrow incision is a 0.5 mm incision.